

**We Claim:**

1           1.       A carrier for retaining an oxygen bottle said carrier comprising:  
2           a flexible open-top container adapted for maintaining a close fitting  
3 relationship with an oxygen bottle, said container including an upper mouth portion  
4 made at least partially from a stiff material to enable an oxygen bottle to be loaded  
5 therein vertically; and  
6           a flexible upper bottle retaining portion, for preventing said bottle from  
7 falling out of said carrier.

1           2.       A carrier as recited in Claim 1, first retaining means for retaining the  
2 top of said carrier to an orthopedic appliance.

1           3.       A carrier as recited in Claim 1, wherein said first retaining means  
2 includes at least one strap having ends extending from said container, said ends  
3 being adapted for engaging with legs of said appliance.

1           4.       A carrier as recited in Claim 2, wherein said appliance is a walker.

1           5.       A carrier as recited in Claim 3, wherein said appliance is a  
2 wheelchair.

1           6.       A carrier as recited in Claim 2, including second retaining means for  
2 retaining the bottom of said container to an orthopedic appliance.

1           7.       A carrier as recited in Claim 6, wherein said second retaining means  
2 includes at least two stabilizing straps, each of said stabilizing straps being adapted  
3 for engagement with legs of a said appliance.

1           8.       A carrier as recited in Claim 1, including means for retaining personal  
2 items of a person using said carrier.

1           9.       A carrier as recited in Claim 8, wherein said personal item retaining  
2 means includes at least one basket attached to said container.

1           10.      A carrier as recited in Claim 9, wherein said basket is releasably  
2 attached.

1           11.      An oxygen bottle carrier for use with a wheelchair; said carrier  
2 comprising:  
3           an open-top flexible bag-like container adapted for maintaining a close fitting  
4 relationship with an oxygen bottle, said container including an upper mouth portion  
5 made at least partially from a stiff material to enable an oxygen bottle to be loaded  
6 vertically while said carrier is attached to a said wheelchair;  
7           first retaining means for retaining the top of said container to respective  
8 handles of said wheelchair; and  
9           second retaining means for retaining the bottom of said container relative to  
10 legs of said wheelchair.

1           12.      A carrier as recited in Claim 11, wherein said container includes a  
2 flexible upper bottle retaining portion for preventing said bottle from falling out of  
3 said carrier.

1           13.      A carrier as recited in Claim 12, wherein said upper bottle retaining  
2 portion includes a drawstring to selectively reduce the diameter of said portion.